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Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of application as amended. Claims 1, 10-12 and 27 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1 and 10-28 are presented for examination.

Claims 1 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Kunishima (U.S. Patent No. 6,037,999). Further, claims 25-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kunishima (U.S. Patent No. 6,037,999) in view of Bergveld et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,298,222).

Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are patentable over Kunishima, or a combination of Kunishima and Bergveld since neither reference discloses all of the features of claim 1 as amended. For instance, both Kunishima and Bergveld fail to disclose or suggest an I2C-bus a frequency changer having a bus interface coupled to the I2C bus, or a microcontroller. Thus, claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over Kunishima, and Kunishima in view of Bergveld.

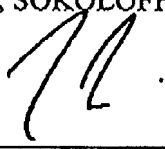
Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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